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FOR GEN GOODPASTER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, OCON, MARR, IR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED USCINCEUR VISIT TO IRAN

- 1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU STATE 050134 IN WHICH ASST SECTY SISCO ANNOUNCES NEA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TEHRAN APRIL 23 AND 24. HAVE DELAYED REPLYING TO YOUR MESSAGES REGARDING YOUR VISIT HERE UNTIL HIGHLY TENTATIVE DATES FOR NEA CONFERENCE WERE CONFIRMED. DEEPLY REGRET THIS INCONVENIENCE TO YOU
- 2. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE BY UNDER SECRETARY RUSH, ASST SECRETARY SISCO AND SOME 20 AMBASSADORS WILL MEAN TWO VERY HECTIC DAYS FOR SENIOR MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THIS MISSION AND MYSELF. AFRAID WE WOULD NOT DO JUSTICE TO YOUR VISIT UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS. THERE WILL ALSO BE INEVITABLE PUBLICITY THAT WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE; COINCIDENCE OF YOUR VISIT COULD CAUSE FURTHER UNDESIRABLE SPECULATION. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERING CHANGE IN ITINERARY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SLIP YOUR ARRIVAL UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL 25. YOU COULD THEN EXTEND STAY AS LONG AS DESIRED. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP IS SLATED TO VISIT TEHRAN APRIL 28-30 BUT THIS WOULD NOT, OF COURSE. IMPINGE ON YOUR ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRY.
- 3. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER COMING TO IRAN CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLIER THAN APRIL 23. AGAIN FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, GENERAL RYAN VISITS TEHRAN AS GUEST OF IIAF APRIL 8-11. BEST PERIOD WOULD BE WEEK APRIL 14-19.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION YOUR PREFERENCES. REGARDLESS OF DATES YOU SELECT FOR VISIT, HOPE YOU AND MRS. GOODPASTER WILL ACCEPT HOSPITALITY OF RESIDENCE. WILL TRY OUR BEST TO MAKE AMENDS FOR INCONVENIENCE ITINERARY CHANGES WILL CAUSE YOU. HELMS

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